

MONTALVO ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
FOOD & WINE CLASSIC
SILICON VALLEY'S PREMIER CULINARY EVENT
4:00pm, Sunday, September 9, 2018

SARATOGA, CA (13 July 2018) — **Montalvo Arts Center's** historic Villa and picturesque grounds will play host to its annual *Food & Wine Classic*, now celebrating its 15th year. Guests will sample savory and sweet fare from some of the most celebrated restaurants in the Bay Area and enjoy tastings from many of the region's finest wineries in an event that benefits more than 15,000 students, teachers, artists, and musicians supported by the Center's non-profit organization. Highlights of the evening include a high spirited live auction led by America's foremost "auctiontainer" Letitia Frye and Randall Bertao, who will be acting as sommelier in the event's exclusive VIP area. *Food & Wine Classic* will take place at **4:00pm, Sunday, September 9, 2018** at the **Montalvo Arts Center**, 15400 Montalvo Rd., Saratoga. For more information, the public may visit montalvoarts.org or call **408-961-5858** (Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm).

In an evening that will raise funds to benefit the Center's non-profit organization, guests are invited to bid on auction packages that including once-in-a-lifetime experiences, and luxurious food and wine offerings. Also making its return to the auction will be "Bottles and Bling," with 98 winners of fine and rare wines ranging from Montalvo Trustees' backyard vineyard private labels to local winery vintages

Guests for the night will indulge in fine dining from Adega Restaurant & Pastry, Alexander's Patisserie, Alexander's Steakhouse, August (1) Five, Chez TJ Restaurant & Pastry featuring Wise Goat Organics, Farallon Restaurant, Kokkari Estiatorio, Le Papillon, Luce, Manresa Bread, and The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse. Wines will be provided by Andrew Geoffrey Vineyards, Artesa Vineyards & Winery, Big Basin Vineyards, Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards, House Family Vineyards, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, Kosta Browne Winery, Left Bend

Winery, Merry Edwards Winery, Pahlmeyer Estate, and Ridge Vineyards, among others as Montalvo continues to secure additional restaurant and winery participants in the coming weeks. For updates on restaurants and wineries, the public may visit www.montalvofoodwine.com.

Montalvo Arts Center is a donor-supported nonprofit institution whose mission is to engage the public in the creative process, acting as a catalyst for exploring the arts, unleashing creativity, and advancing different cultural and cross-cultural perspectives. Located in Silicon Valley's Saratoga Hills, Montalvo occupies a Mediterranean-style Villa, built in 1912 by Senator James Duval Phelan and surrounded by 175 stunning acres. Senator Phelan bequeathed the Villa and grounds to the people of California for the encouragement of art, music, literature, and architecture, a mandate Montalvo has carried forward ever since its founding. The grounds include the campus of the Sally and Don Lucas Artists Residency Program (LAP), the Claire Loftus Carriage House Theatre, and the Lilian Fontaine Garden Theatre. For more information about Montalvo Arts Center and its programs, the public can call **408-961-5858** or visit montalvoarts.org.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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WHEN: 4:00pm-7:30pm, Sunday, September 9, 2018

WHERE: **Montalvo Arts Center**, 15400 Montalvo Rd., Saratoga

TICKETS: Classic: \$250 per person
VIP Package: \$375 per person (Classic Event, plus valet service, exclusive tasting of private cellar wines, and reserved VIP seating)
Sponsorships begin at \$3,000

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit montalvoarts.org or call **408-961-5858**
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